## **HOTLINES AND HELPLINES**

## National Center for Missing & Exploited Children®: 1-800 THE-LOST

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) assists families and law enforcement agencies 24 hours a day, when they are notified a child is missing. NCMEC's case management teams provide coordinated support and access to analytical and technological resources. It can also provide law enforcement direct links to many investigative services, including coordinated case management, case enhancement, information analysis, imagery and identification service, age progression and regression, photo distribution, web site postings, Project Alert and Team Adam. NCMEC has the ability to assist even when a child has been missing for a long period of time, was abducted internationally by a parent or has special needs. NCMEC can provide support and technical assistance to local law enforcement in serious child abduction cases using specially trained, retired law enforcement professionals.

NCMEC collaborates with more than 270 corporate photo partners who disseminate photos of missing children to millions of homes across the U.S. every day.

The NCMEC's <u>CyberTipline</u> provides the public and electronic service providers with the ability to report online (and via toll-free telephone) instances of online enticement of children for child sex tourism, child sex trafficking, unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child, sexual acts, extra-familial child sexual molestation, child pornography, misleading domain names, and misleading words or digital images on the Internet. <u>CyberTipline</u> reports are continuously reviewed to ensure that reports of children who may be in imminent danger get first priority. After NCMEC's review is completed, all information in a <u>CyberTipline</u> report is made available to law enforcement.

The NCMEC also provides prevention and safety resources for professionals and families such as a digital Child ID kit and an online safety program, called NetSmartz®.

# National Runaway Safeline: 1-800-RUNAWAY

The National Runaway Safeline serves as the national system for runaway and homeless youth. The goal of Safeline is to connect youth who are considering leaving home or who are on the streets with services or support. The Safeline is staffed 24/7, year-round, by 120 trained volunteers who serve as crisis intervention specialists under the supervision of the program's staff. The program also provides live online chats between 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Central Time, a text service, an online bulletin board and crisis email services. All of the services are anonymous and confidential. It operates a Home Free program which provides free Greyhound tickets to youth, 12 to 20 years of age, who have run away from home and want to reunite with their families. It also provides a 14-module runaway prevention curriculum to community groups or schools.

#### National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888, TTY:711, Text 233733

The <u>National Human Trafficking Hotline</u> is a national anti-trafficking confidential hotline serving victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community in the United States. The toll-free hotline is available to answer calls in more than 200 languages from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

The National Hotline also can be accessed by emailing <a href="help@humantraffickinghotline.org">help@humantraffickinghotline.org</a>, submitting a tip through the <a href="help@humantraffickinghotline.org/">online tip reporting form: <a href="https://humantraffickinghotline.org/">https://humantraffickinghotline.org/</a>, as well as visiting the web portal at <a href="https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org/">https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org/</a>.

The National Hotline is not a government entity. It is operated by Polaris, a non-profit, non-governmental organization. It helps individuals access direct services through an extensive referral network and facilitates reporting of potential human trafficking tips to specialized law enforcement agencies.

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# Other National and Nevada Helplines

<u>LGBT National Youth Talk Line: 1-800-246-7743.</u> Provides telephone, online private one-to-one chat and email peer-support, as well as factual information and local resources. Free and confidential. For teens and young adults up to age 25.

See website for hours: <a href="http://www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org/talkline">http://www.glbtnationalhelpcenter.org/talkline</a>

<u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255</u>. Provides free and confidential support for people in distress, and prevention and crisis resources. Includes resources for youth and LGBTQ:

Available 24/7: https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

<u>Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741</u>: Offers free support to text with trained Crisis Counselor for support for those in crisis:

Available 24/7: https://www.crisistextline.org/

<u>Crisis Call Center: 1-800-273-8255:</u> Provides a safe source of support for individuals in any type of crisis.

Available 24/7/365: <a href="http://crisiscallcenter.org/">http://crisiscallcenter.org/</a>

<u>Rape Crisis Center Hotline: 888-366-1640:</u> Offers free support in the aftermath of any type of sexual violence. Trained advocates provide information and resources:

Available 24/7/365. http://www.therapecrisiscenter.org/

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